

## Bowlers Vote Times to Be Games' Best Medium

### ALTRUCK'S PAPERS ARE NOW IN CAMP

Rumor Says That Carl Cashion Has Joined Ranks of the Benedicts.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

The mail man who brought his wares to the House of Griffith today would have had to wear ankle braces to support the load of correspondence, or at least Mr. Griffith had to show the signed contract of Nick Altruck.

Some time ago it was reported that Altruck was among the chosen people, but this was erroneous, and it was not until today that the document was signed and considered by the Griffithian staff.

Altruck wrote his chief asking that he be required to report at the latest possible date as he is now booked in the audience team of Altruck and Evans that is enjoying a stretch of success at the Chicago club.

But the comedian-coach will be somewhat disappointed along these lines as he will be brought here to meet the early assignment of twirls to whom he is to act as professor.

There is a persistent rumor in certain quarters that Carl Cashion is the latest of the Griffithian to be married, following the trail of Altruck, Milton, and others. But verification is missing.

The rumor says that the ceremony was performed during the Christmas holidays, but the manager said today that he had received a letter from Cashion, a North Carolina, that he had in which the pitcher failed to make any mention of marriage.

From St. Louis comes a report that "Dutch" Hollander, who has been shorted at Georgetown for the past couple of seasons, has signed to play with the Browns.

There was a strong report last summer that Hollander might be grabbed by Washington as soon as he completed his course at the university, and he practiced with the Nationals several mornings during the early part of the season. He did not impress Mr. Griffith sufficiently, however. Now he looms up as an aspirant for one of the infield places on the Iowa Browns.

President Dave Fultz, of the Players' Fraternity, has notified those members of the organization who are affiliated with his organization, not to sign until they hear from him.

Fultz declares in his notification that the National Association of Minor League Clubs has not accepted in complete form the agreement reached recently at Cincinnati between the National Commission and the fraternity. The rule that is violated, according to Fultz, is the one that makes it mandatory that all side agreements between players and clubs must be specifically stated in each individual contract.

With each successive day it appears more probable that a conflict between the National Commission and the Federal League cannot be avoided.

The reserve clause in the players' contracts, that promises to be the center of the dispute, was discussed in detail in these columns Sunday. Today from New York comes the assertion that a war in the courts between the Feds and organized baseball is certain.

The opinion is here ventured that the

## RACINE AND RIPON WERE OLD RIVALS IN THE WEST

Michigan, Chicago, and Minnesota Not Always Leading in Sports.

Michigan and the "Big 5" conference have things pretty much their own way in the West these days. But it hasn't always been so. Times were when the annual football clash between Chicago and Minnesota wasn't thought of as when Michigan wasn't sending fast play teams down to Philadelphia and when Illinois didn't turn out a championship baseball squad year after year under the eagle eye of George Huff.

Forty years ago Northwestern, Racine and Ripon were the great rivals. For a long time they had been placed upon the map hereabouts. Even baseball was tried

## Baseball Bits From Everywhere

New Moren, the Pittsburgh boy, who was with the Phillies a number of years ago, says he will try to "come back" the coming season. Maybe he will have as much success as Falkenberg, Cole, and others and others of the past.

Long-term contracts seem to be in vogue with the major league club owners, now that the Feds are in the offing.

It is reported that Tom Clarke will sign up with the Feds. The only difference between the catcher and the management of the Feds is said to be a small one of names of the Milwaukee Athletics. Of course, they don't want to want to get anybody out of a job.

It is said the Feds offered O'Neil a contract which called for \$25,000 for three years, with one year's salary in advance. It's hard to believe.

Frederick Blasing, Cleveland pitcher, has refused to sign his contract because he has been offered a better play by Baker to play next season, although they're not fraternity men.

Connie Merck does not cherish the spirit which has made Yale athletes famous. He will allow Collins and Baker to play next season, although they're not fraternity men.

Latest poultry news: Chick Fraser is in the chicken business, and Detroit has sold him to Fort Wayne, Fraser formerly pitched in the major league.

Chief Johnson, the Indian hunter for the Feds, was called every Sunday. When asked recently if the Government compelled him to go to church, he answered: "Nope, but my wife does."

A Detroit scribe says that Charles "Three-K" when he offered Cobb a "three-year" contract with a salary \$15,000 a year salary attached.

Bobby Brasher, the champion baseball pitcher of the National League, has

reserve clause will never stand a humming from representative attorney on the part of the Feds or any other organization. The National Commission, however, says it is ready to fight, and fight there probably will be.

This argument that the proscription of the Federal League is bound to fail because they are going after pitchers who have reached a too advanced age to be of use. However, consider what a formidable array for 1914 the Feds would present if they could garner Mathewson, Plank, Bender, Coombs, and a few others who are speedily approaching baseball's silver threads among the gold age, but who still have one or two curves or fast ones still reposing in their venerable status.

Shades of Noah Webster, here's one that would make the old fellow blush his elbows against the sides of his oak coat. One of our esteemed contemporaries says that Griffith has obtained the "most ideal" training camps for the Nationals. Why not say that Charlottesville is the "ideal" place? As Jim Little would say, "These things are coming too fast."

At least one opportunity for the in-vision of baseball by the Feds was removed yesterday when President Jim Gaffney, of the Boston Nationals, obtained an option on a piece of property that might prove attractive as an outland park.

Ed Amstutz, Ed Foster, Mike Martin and "Bugs" Baer make up a quartet of handball smashers at the Y. M. C. A. They work out each morning.

That the Federal League is exaggerating in claiming more than eighty major leaguers already signed, would be indicated by looking over a list of those players who still have to send in the contract to their respective clubs. Barring Frank Owens, who has jumped to the Feds, and who was obtained by Mr. Griffith simply for trading purposes, the trouble whatever is anticipated here.

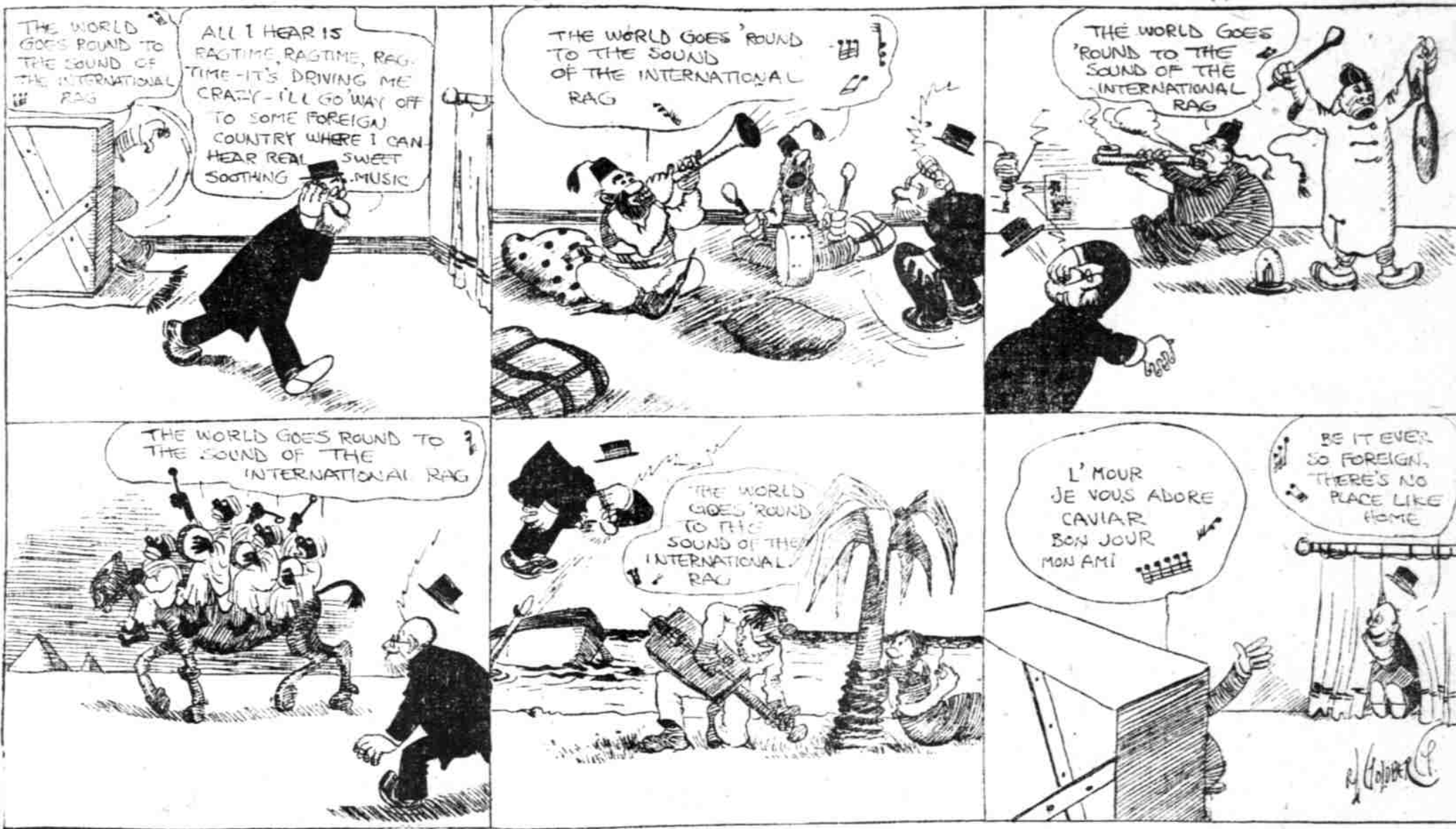
Some of the men who are being depended upon in both of the big leagues are on the war, but the following gives a fairly accurate list of all the men who have yet to formally place their signatures to contracts to bind them for the coming season:

**AMERICAN LEAGUE.**  
New York—Zelder, Holden, Sweeney, Ford, Criss, Cree, Reynolds, Schulz, Walter, Gable.  
Philadelphia—Thomas Coombs.  
Boston—Nunamaker.  
Chicago—Crotte, Russell, Roth, Chase, Easterly.  
Cleveland—Blasing.  
Detroit—Vivian, Willett.  
St. Louis—Brier.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.**  
New York—Mathewson, Fromme, Randall, Snodgrass, Merkle, Bescher, Pearce, Wills, Wilson.  
Brooklyn—Wagner, Reulbach, Collins, Hummel, Tinker.  
Boston—Whaling, Hardin, Schmidt.  
Philadelphia—Brennan, Camnitz, Devore, Byrne, Camnitz, Knabe, Doolan, Chalmers.  
Chicago—Stack, Lavender, Richie, Pierce, Moore, Leach, Phelan, Bridwell, W. Miller.  
Pittsburgh—Wagner, Carey, Hendrix, Cooper.  
Cincinnati—Packard, Carey, Egan, M. Brown.  
St. Louis—L. Magee, Evans, Wingo, Whitted, Roberts.

Few familiar with baseball affairs would contend that even a fair proportion of these men are considering jumping all of which would cast the shadow of doubt over the claims of President Gilmore and his hard-working promoters among the Federals.

## If You Are Trying to Break Away From American Music Stay in America



## TODAY'S SPORTORIAL

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

It is all very well for the magnates in the American and National Leagues to say, "The Federals are not bothering us," but even a casual onlooker is able to see that the big leagues are losing players every day. Baseball players generally care no more for a dollar than they do for their right eye. The Federal League is coming through with the money and is, therefore, getting the players. Take the case of Frank Owens, who was drafted last September by Clark Griffith.

Under the rules of organized baseball, Owens cannot be offered more than the salary he got last season plus 25 per cent of it. At the end of forty-five days he would have to sign a new contract with the Griffiths. But for those forty-five days he is held down by ironclad rules. How does this work? The Federal Leaguers came across with the money he had demanded from the Washington and Pittsburgh clubs. So he has jumped. He isn't to blame. The rules of the game are, though.

The outlaws are going to get plenty of players. They won't get the best of them, but they'll get a few of the best. There are not enough real classy players for two big leagues, let alone a third. One of the three leagues must go to the wall. The American league seems too strong to fall. But how about the National League? New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago are the only clubs to make money in a decade. How long will the other clubs stand the strain? If the outlaws can produce the coin and go through with their plans, even with such a lot of spavins as they are now signing up, some of those National League magnates are going to quit.

## MULLIGAN DIGS UP TWO FAST RUNNERS

Gough and Fitzpatrick Developing Rapidly for Places on Relay Team.

Billy Gough and Johnny Fitzpatrick are showing much class in the quarter-mile at the Hilton that Coach Mulligan may pick them for places on the varsity relay team that goes to Boston to meet the crack Holy Cross four at the B. A. A. meet, February 7. Both boys are unknown when they first joined the squad in training, but they have improved so much under the wise hands of May 20. It is anticipated that they are now considered to have a good chance of landing on the relay team.

## Work on Plating Is Begun for Cup Yacht

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Plating of the defender of the America's Cup, the Defender, is being started today. This yacht is much farther advanced than the other two prospective defenders in course of construction. The Defender, being built at Bath, Me., is later than the other two. It is anticipated that they are now considered to have a good chance of landing on the relay team.

## BONHAG'S RECORD MAY BE BROKEN WEDNESDAY

Kolehmainen and Kramer Are Going Out to Hang Up New Two-Mile Figures.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Athletic stars will be seen in numbers at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday night for the annual games of the Milwaukee Athletic Association. On the list will be found the names of Hannes Kolehmainen, Abel Kiviat, Billy Kramer, Tom Hopton, of Boston; Mel Sheppard, Louis Scott, Alvin Meyer, J. J. Eller, Hal Heiland, Harry Smith, Gaston Strohino, Gifford, Remer and scores of others.

The two-mile run (handicap 15 yards) for the Rodman Watkinson trophy will offer athletic fans a long-awaited treat in the way of a race between Hannes Kolehmainen and Billy Kramer.

Kramer made the Finn stop last year, when he won the two-mile indoor championship in the record time of 9:15.5. Later, however, at the Second Battalion games, Kolehmainen had his revenge and beat Kramer in 9:21.5. As the Madison Square Garden track is fast, George Bonhag's record of 9:11.5 stands in danger, for Kramer has shown that he can run the distance in 9:15.5 over the same track on which he was defeated at Kolehmainen in 9:21.5.

Other cracks in the two-mile race are Louis Scott, Sid Lalle, R. Springsteen, M. D. Hysman, M. A. De Vanyne and O. Gibbons.

The Milwaukee road race, held in con-

junction with the games in the Garden, is the most novel feature of the indoor season. This year it has attracted a record entry, totaling nearly three hundred athletes. Harry Smith, the former ten-mile champion, will hold the post of honor. The strong field, which included him, includes Gaston Strohino, who finished second in the Stockholm Marathon; Eddie Jordan, of the Naxos, who finished second in the Kolehmainen last year in the Milwaukee road race; W. Rozette, winner of the Sea Gate Marathon; V. Giannoulou, winner of the Yonkers modified Marathon; J. Eke, who competed on the winning Swedish team at Stockholm; J. T. Nelson, and strong teams from the Monack Athletic Club, Long Island Athletic Club, Bronx Church, Yonkers, and many other clubs.

Abel Kiviat will face the starter in the 100-yard handicap, and will have to allow handouts to a strong field, including the Golden brothers, of Yonkers; G. Carzon, Carl Walther, and others.

Counsels Patience for Outlaw League Men

Sport writers must be patient with the Federal League and not grow angry when it fails to deliver news stories as promised. No outsider can appreciate how nerve-racking it is, though to say so, baseball magnates refuse to uncover a sensational deal—tomorrow—and then live him full of delusion.

## MINCE PIE

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING

By "BUGS" BAER.

BALL PLAYERS ARE ITCHING TO GET BACK INTO HARNESSES, WHEN FACING W. JOHNSON THE HARNESSES WILL INCLUDE BLINDERS.

All Yankee pitchers will receive a bonus this season if they win one straight game in succession.

Convicts in the Colorado State penitentiary have a baseball league. However, none of the players are jumping to the Feds.

RABID RUDOLPH SAYS—

"IT'S AGAINST MANAGER GRIF-FITH'S POLICY TO CLAIM THE PENNANT IN FEBRUARY. LOTS OF TIME BETWEEN MARCH AND THE OPENING OF THE SEASON."

Vivian Nickless, famous oarsman, is on his way to America. No clause in his contract compelling Vivian to scull across under his own power. Mr. Thomas Lipton will, doubtless, claim discrimination.

Eddie Grant has signed to play with the Giants. Giants expect to win the pennant in spite of this.

Soon as Philly ball players heard that the Federal League was going to have umpires, they jumped right back to Philly.

Sam Langford knocked out English fighter in seven seconds of the first round. Sam was probably six seconds late in getting into the ring.

Umpire from the Three I League has signed with the National Circuit. Dan Johnson will continue to sign his ump's from the One I League.

REVISED BASEBALL RULES FOR 1914.

A FOUL TIP—A FOUL TIP IS A BALL BATTED BY THE BATSMAN THAT GOES SHARP AND DIRECT FROM THE BAT TO THE UMPIRE'S HEAD. THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER KINDS OF FOUL TIPS, BUT THIS IS THE ONLY KIND THAT THE PUBLIC IS INTERESTED IN.

Bob Groom's contract fails to state which month he shall get his but in this year. Bob intends to save it for next

## AT LAST I'VE GOT A CHANCE TO BREAK AWAY FROM THE RIBBON COUNTER—HERE'S AN AD WHICH READS, "FREE, FREE, FREE—A COMPLETE COURSE IN ENGINEERING FREE-OF-CHARGE—WE GUARANTEE YOU A GOOD JOB—SEND FOR BOOKLET."

I'LL ANSWER THE AD RIGHT AWAY.

THEY WERE CERTAINLY PROMPT IN ANSWERING MY LETTER—IT SHOWS THEY ARE ON THE LEVEL.

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## Balenti Quits Game To Farm in Alaska

Mike Balenti, heap big injun, is through with baseball. Failing as a major leaguer with the Browns last summer and being shipped to the Chattanooga (Southern League) team, Balenti is disgusted with baseball, and writes from Alaska that he will remain in the frigid regions forever.

Balenti tried to fill Bob Wallace's shoes at short last summer, but, like many others, failed. He was too slow to cover the territory, and at bat didn't smite very much. Then Stovall tried Mike in left field, but in grabbing the line drives he wasn't much of a success, either.

Now Balenti is out of baseball, so he says. He has a tract of land up in Alaska, and prefers that life to the diamond sport.

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**DONALD BRIAN**

**The Marriage Market**

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## BIG BOUT MAY NOT BE SEEN AFTER ALL

McFarland Hedges When It Comes Down to Real Action, Threatening Mill.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Whether Packey McFarland and Mike Gibbons will come together in a ten-round fight here does not appear to be such a certainty as the promoters led light followers to believe, according to reports circulated today. Packey is a wide old bird, and is not going to poke his head into a mess of trouble unless there is plenty of money in it. As Gibbons gives every promise of furnishing trouble, reports that the stock yards champion is demanding big money might be expected.

A tentative date of February 12 was set for the fight, the men agreeing to weigh in at 165 pounds at 6 o'clock, but Packey has demanded a guarantee of \$10,000, according to latest reports. McFarland is also said to have demanded \$1,500 forfeit from Mike as a weight guarantee. If McFarland cannot get the \$10,000 guarantee it is said he will insist on 25 per cent of the receipts. Gibbons has crossed-fists with objections to posting a weight forfeit, and will be satisfied with 25 per cent of the receipts as his share for the fight. A match between Packey and Gibbons would undoubtedly furnish one of the greatest scraps in years, but Mike's slugging victory over Bob McAllister here may have furnished McFarland food for thought on the weight question. Meeting in the early morning would probably enable Gibbons to enter the ring only a few pounds lighter than he was when he met McAllister, a mid-dleweight.

## Owen Moran Will Try To Beat Heavy Boxer

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Owen Moran, the British featherweight champion, who will go out of his class to box "Young" Shugrue in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night, said yesterday that he is bent upon fighting two American titleholders—Johnny Kilbane and Willie Ritchie.

Moran offers to make 125 pounds for Kilbane and let Ritchie come in at 125, both bouts to depend upon the result of the scrap with Shugrue. Moran has trained for two weeks for this affair, and is in fine shape. Shugrue, who boxed Dundee a hard ten-round bout on Friday night, will rest today, being able to make the weight, 125 pounds, at 9 o'clock in the evening.

Johnny Dundee, who is at his best just now, will also fight today, tomorrow, as he doesn't need much work for the ten-round bout with "Supper" O'Neill, the British light-weight, who is after Freddy Welsh's championship crown. If O'Neill can outpoint Dundee, the former will loom up as a strong contender for Ritchie's title. The weight is 125 pounds ring-side.

## AMUSEMENTS

**BELASCO** TONIGHT 8:15 MAT. 25c-51c

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**THE DISTINGUISHED ACTRESS**

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